

NOT PASSED UPON BY M. C. A. BOARD

Request of Member for Room in Building Opposed by Secretary McKee.

DID NOT ACT OFFICIALLY

Mr. Noble Withdraws From Association, and Money Will Be Refunded.

Reports which have been current within the past few days that the application of a member of the Young Men's Christian Association for a room in the building had been refused because he was employed as a book-keeper in a wholesale liquor establishment, were officially denied yesterday by James W. Gordon, president, and by General Secretary S. K. McKee.

It was explained, however, that Walter H. Noble, of 817 East Marshall Street, who works with the firm of H. Clarke & Sons, had interviewed Secretary McKee the other day and had asked if he would endorse his application for a room. Mr. McKee stated that while he would object personally to the matter being brought before the executive committee, and that the committee would decide, in view of this statement, Mr. Noble announced that he would withdraw from the association, the promise being made that his membership fee would be returned.

Mr. Noble has declined absolutely to discuss the matter, though his friends expressed themselves vigorously, due to the fact that they were not in possession of all the facts. These friends contend that when Mr. McKee had declared that he would oppose the application, Mr. Noble accepted his statement as official and final, while Mr. McKee says that he simply gave his personal opinion, without speaking finally or authoritatively. The matter, as stated above, was never presented to the committee, and the committee has not laid down any rule as to how the rooms are not to be rented to employees of firms which deal in liquor.

Mr. Gordon expressed much regret last night that an unfortunate question had become public. He was informed that the alleged rejection of Mr. Noble's application was rather freely discussed, that the fact was not probably fully understood and that an effort was being made to get at the exact situation in justice to the association and Mr. Noble.

No application to pass on. Mr. Gordon said that an application had ever been presented to be passed upon by the committee, and that Mr. Noble had merely received the personal opinion of the secretary. He explained that in his opinion the question of accepting members and renting of rooms were entirely separate and distinct, and that the management had placed in the limited number of rooms at its disposal, men who could do the greatest amount of good in Y. M. C. A. work.

There was never a question as to Mr. Noble's character, and it is known that he has taken an active part in church work. He is highly regarded by his friends, and that he is a young man of the highest standing and integrity. His membership in the association was given to him as an Easter present by his mother, and as she is preparing to leave the city for the summer, she suggested that he live in the building where he would have plenty of room and surroundings.

That the rumors have come from an unfortunate misunderstanding is admitted and regretted by officers and members of the association and by friends of the applicant.

WHAT ABOUT CITY CODE?

Inquiry to Be Made To-Night by Council Committee.

Another effort will be made to-night to find out what has become of the Code of Ordinances of 1910, which was ordered by the Council last November. The Committee on Printing and Claims will meet at 8 o'clock to look into the matter. The contractor for the work, the Capital Printing Company, has recently filed a petition in bankruptcy, and it is not clear whether the work will be completed or not. According to contract does not seem clear. It is stated that the bulk of the work is done—that little remains to be printed by the index, which is being prepared by the City Attorney, and the volume will then be printed for the binder. It has been amended in a half dozen places since its adoption by the Council, and with each passing month it is becoming less and less valuable as a work of reference.

Besides the Printing and Claims Committee, a subcommittee on streets will meet to-night at 8 o'clock to consider the application in regard to the Westhampton Street car line.

ST. PETER'S ANNIVERSARY

Two Hundred Children Celebrate First Communion.

The anniversary of the first communion day of St. Peter's Catholic Church was celebrated yesterday morning at 7 o'clock when Bishop Van de Vyver conducted the services and administered the sacrament of confirmation. The entire day was a gala occasion, and appropriately celebrated with a parish feast day. Bishop Van de Vyver delivered the sermon at high mass.

More than 200 children made their first communion yesterday morning, and all gathered at the church yesterday afternoon to receive their baptismal vows. Father Fowler, pastor of the church, preached at this service, which was followed by benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The children were appropriately gown for the occasion, all of the girls wearing white dresses and veils.

Police Halt Joy Ride in Hearse

Driver Arrested, but Employer Explained Why He Had to Make Quick Time.

Seated in an empty hearse, James Coleman drove through the streets yesterday afternoon at breakneck speed, and gave every indication of being uproariously drunk. Members of the Police Department were notified and soon after brought the gruesome joy ride to an end.

It was found out that Coleman was not the least bit intoxicated, so he was locked up on the charge of cruelly driving his team. The whole thing came out when a representative of the Hicks livery stable called, in response to a telephone call, bailed his man, and sent him away with the hearse.

The man explained that Coleman was in the habit of acting under instructions. It seems that the hearse had to do duty at two funerals yesterday, and that the driver had little time to make both dates promptly. He was told to drive as fast as he could for the second event, and in his zeal probably exceeded the speed limit. The charges preferred against him will go to the Police Court this morning, but it is expected that Justice Crutchfield will take the extenuating circumstances into consideration and dismiss the case. If he does not, Coleman's employers will pay the fine.

ALLAN IGNORANT AS TO CHARGES

Can't Understand Pernicious Activity Report After Former Exoneration.

That he is about to be "investigated" for alleged political activity, as was announced in a special dispatch from Washington published yesterday morning in this paper, was news to Postmaster Edgar Allan, Jr., who said yesterday afternoon that he had no intimation that any such action was contemplated.

The telegram from Washington intimated that the removal of Postmaster Kezelle at Harrisonburg for displaying too much interest in politics and the retention of Postmaster Allan, who was said to have been active in trying to control a certain faction of the Republican party in Virginia, are matters which are likely to come before the special investigating committee of the House of Representatives for the Post-Office Department. This committee will meet to-morrow.

In Republican circles in Richmond this is believed to be another effort on the part of some of the enemies of Mr. Allan and the faction with which he is said to be affiliated to bring about his political death.

The visit here a few months ago of District Secretary Fisher, of the Civil Service Commission, to look into charges of "pernicious political activity," which were preferred against several postmasters, and the furor it created at the time, will be recalled by the present report. It is understood that the contemplated action on the part of the investigating committee is an outgrowth of these allegations.

The question which the committee, it is asserted, wishes to settle is why Mr. Kezelle was removed and Mr. Allan retained.

Mr. Allan declined to make any comments when seen yesterday. "I thought that matter was all ended," said the postmaster, referring to the report filed by Mr. Fisher with the Civil Service Commission, practically exonerating those against whom the charges of political activity had been preferred.

The advices from Washington contain no definite information on this score, but it is understood that something will be done this week.

CAR SKIDS INTO TELEGRAPH POLE

Dr. Henson's Presence of Mind Prevents Serious Crash With Street Car.

Dr. J. W. Henson, of 495 Allen Avenue, by the presence of mind, narrowly avoided a serious accident yesterday morning, when his motor car collided with a Broad and Twenty-fifth Street car at the corner of Eleventh and Broad Streets. As it was, the automobile and the street car both were slightly damaged, but no one was hurt.

Dr. Henson, driving his machine slowly, was making the turn around the corner, when he found that there would not be enough room to pass the tracks, nor was there time for either he or the motorman to stop and avoid the accident. A moment before the collision he turned the automobile toward the sidewalk and as it struck the street car it skidded straight into a telegraph pole.

Fortunately the automobile was equipped with a guard rail over the front wheels, and the only damage was the puncturing of one of the front tires and the twisting of the rail. The fender of the street car was slightly damaged. Traffic was delayed for a few minutes. Inspector Franklin was there in a short while after the accident, and the loss of time did not amount to a great deal.

CROWDS PACK CHURCH

Grace Street Meetings May Be Transferred to Auditorium.

Because of the huge crowds which have been attracted to the meetings conducted in the Grace Street Baptist Church by Rev. H. M. Wharton, D. D., of Baltimore, it is probable that it will be necessary to transfer the services to the City Auditorium in order to accommodate the people who are anxious to hear the evangelist.

Yesterday afternoon Dr. Wharton preached to an audience of men which filled the Colonial Theatre, where he spoke under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association.

At the Grace Street Church last night it was necessary to turn away more than 200 people.

If the crowds continue of the same proportion, Dr. Wharton announced, he will be forced to transfer the meetings to the Auditorium. If this change is not made the services will continue each night this week at 8 o'clock in the Grace Street Church.

The music is a feature of the revivals which is attracting attention. It is under the direction of P. W. Bush, who accompanies the minister.

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BUSY NIGHT FOR PETTY THIEVES

Tailor's Errand Boy Robbed While Carrying Clothes Through Alley.

Petty thieves and house-breakers were busy in the Second Police District Saturday night and early yesterday morning. Reports of thefts from a few dollars in value to nearly \$50 have been received from many sources, and owing to the inability of the persons robbed to give any adequate descriptions few arrests have been made.

R. H. Mann, a colored tailor, of 319 North Adams Street, reports that late in the night as his errand boy was going through the alley on the north side of Marshall Street, between First and Foushee Streets, he was knocked down, beaten and the clothes, amounting to about \$40, stolen.

The boy was badly beaten, and could not give much of a description of his assailant, who attacked him in the darkest part of the alley. He described him as being a large, black negro, who after knocking him down, struck him several times with his fist, then took the clothes and ran.

Miss M. Beck, of 205 South Third Street, complains that her house was entered and clothes and jewelry to the value of \$20.25 stolen. There were no evidences of breaking, showing that the thief was well acquainted with the house. The police are on the lookout for a former servant girl, whom Miss Beck suspects.

Pemberton Johnson, colored, was arrested yesterday morning on the charge of breaking into the house of Armistead Logan, 1115 Boyd Street, and stealing clothes valued at \$10.

CHARGED WITH STEALING JUNK

John Carter, colored, was arrested yesterday afternoon in Henrico county for trespassing on the property of Malvern Hill Farm and stealing a small quantity of junk. He was lodged in jail, and will be given a hearing this morning before a magistrate.

SEABOARD AIR LINE EARNINGS

Approximate earnings of the Seaboard Air Line Railway for the second week in April show an increase of \$14,541 as compared with the corresponding week last year.

LIQUOR LICENSE HANGS ON RESULT

Conviction of Murphy's Bartender to Be Heard on Appeal To-Day.

The case of John Powers, bartender at Murphy's Hotel, will come up on appeal in the Hustings Court this morning. Powers is charged with selling liquor to Robert Jones, of Petersburg, a minor. If the decision of the lower court is sustained the hotel will lose its license, although there is right of appeal to the Supreme Court.

Before Justice Crutchfield in the Police Court Powers, who pleaded his own case, was fined \$50. The evidence showed that the boy's father, J. R. Jones, found him in the bar just before he had taken the drink ordered. The young man left without taking the drink, and his father reported the occurrence to the police. Powers testified that Jones claimed to be twenty-one years of age, which, however, according to the letter of the law, does not relieve the bartender of responsibility.

This is one of the few cases of the race for the collector's office in the city. The Council may at any time either to increase or diminish his compensation, and that the Council may, in lieu of a commission basis, fix a stated salary, either more or less than the commission. Mr. Pollard further says that the suggestion that the compensation should not be diminished during the term of office is illogical and without merit.

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REVENUE CUTTER HERE

Party of Officials Pay City Visit on Pleasure.

The United States revenue cutter Apache, Captain Wood, steamed up the James River yesterday morning and docked at the city wharf. The cutter has aboard Assistant Secretary of the Treasury A. P. Andrews and a party of other officials from Washington. They are here on a pleasure trip and leave the city to-day.

SERIES OF SERVICES

Congregations United in Worship at Allen Avenue Church.

Rev. George W. Kemper, pastor of the Marshall Street Christian Church, last night began a series of evangelistic services in the Allen Avenue Christian Church, in which the congregations of both churches united. The meetings will continue each night this week at 8 o'clock.

A large congregation filled the church at the initial meeting and unusual interest was displayed. Mr. Kemper's subject was "What It Means to Be a Christian."

DO OTHERS KNOW ABOUT SHORTAGE?

Method of Handling Accounts in Collector's Office Subject of Speculation.

MAJOR WOOD MAY QUIT RACE

Salary Feature and Public Campaign Render Place Less Attractive.

Close friends of Frank W. Cunningham expressed the belief yesterday that he had received no pecuniary benefit from the recent shortage in his accounts, but that it had been used to cover old indebtedness; in other words, that the Collector has been more or less behind for some time and had used the amounts recently refunded by his friends to square former transactions. It is stated that funds were raised and the accounts balanced after the investigation of December, 1909, and that the Collector then promised that such shortage should not continue. Previous to this he had been reported short, and had sold his house to raise money to meet the deficit.

Developments are expected at the trial to-morrow before Mayor Richardson, when efforts will be made to ascertain how far the alleged juggling of accounts was known to others than the Collector himself.

Wood Has Not Decided. Superintendent of the Penitentiary J. B. Wood said last night that there was no change in the situation as regards his candidacy. Many of his friends anticipate that he will withdraw from the race for the collectorship, since the Council has already shown its disposition to take advantage of the opportunity to place the office on a salary basis, and also since his appointment by the Council at this time is only until the next general election in November. If appointed he would have to go before the people at a primary in August or September of this year.

The Committee on Ordinance, Charter and Reform has already recommended adoption of a resolution instructing the City Attorney to secure through Richmond representatives in the next General Assembly a charter amendment abolishing the office after January 1, 1914, and placing the duties on the City Treasurer. City Treasurer Pace holds office until that date, and is ineligible for re-election. It has been suggested that if the office of Collector be continued as a separate department, Mr. Pace might then be a candidate.

MAY REDUCE FEES

Settling the point raised by Mr. Hobson at the last meeting of the Board of Aldermen, City Attorney Pollard has rendered an opinion to Councilman John J. Lynch to the effect that the Council may at any time either increase or diminish the salary of a public officer unless there be some constitutional provision or legislative act prohibiting such increase or diminution. There is no such prohibition in the case of the Collector of Taxes, and Mr. Pollard rules that the Council has the right at any time either to increase or diminish his compensation, and that the Council may, in lieu of a commission basis, fix a stated salary, either more or less than the commission. Mr. Pollard further says that the suggestion that the compensation should not be diminished during the term of office is illogical and without merit.

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MALONE MAY DIE

Under Guard in Hospital as Result of General Fight.

John Malone, colored, who was severely shot Saturday night by James Russe, after he had cut Frank Lombard, of 1910 East Main Street, is under police guard at the City Home, and the man who shot him is being held without bail at the First Police Station.

It was said at the City Home yesterday that Malone's injuries were serious, and that they might result in a case of blood poisoning. A wound from the shotgun and bits of his clothes were blown into the flesh, while some of the shot flattened against the bone of his leg. It probably will be some days before he will be able to appear in court, even if there are no complications.

None of the local representatives of the Federal government has been advised of the visit.

A Long Sermon in a Few Words

"Be sure you are right, then go ahead."

We advocate this doctrine in every walk of life, but especially is it applicable to a big business enterprise built by and for the people.

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Interest 3% Security 100% Service 100%

If you think you are not getting what you are entitled to, ask for it.

TRYING TO SETTLE TRAVEL PROBLEM

Subcommittee on Streets Will Again Discuss Westhampton Schedule To-Night.

HARD TO PLEASE EVERYBODY

Question of Service and Fare Presents Rather Difficult Problem.

The subcommittee of the Council Committee on Streets, to which was referred the ordinance relating to street car service to Westhampton, will meet at the City Hall to-night at 8 o'clock. The committee consists of Messrs. Davis, Pollock and Lynch. The problem presented is a difficult one, and from the public hearing already had, before the Council Committee on Streets, it would seem that almost any solution is bound to work a hardship on some interest. Westhampton, with its growing suburban population, and the large membership of the Country Club of Virginia, is about five miles from the city. The Westhampton Line was built down to Robinson and Floyd Avenue at a time when that section was in Henrico county, and it operates under a franchise granted by the Henrico Circuit Court. Several propositions and counterpropositions for more frequent service passed backward and forward, the street car company finally proposing a fifteen-minute schedule, with a second transfer passing the city limits at Grunshaw Avenue, a coupon to be given, good for the return trip, for 5 cents. This met opposition on the part of residents of the neighborhood, who nevertheless admitted that the haul to Westhampton at less than 1 cent a mile could not be profitable.

Plan Now Pending. A committee of the Country Club worked out a plan which was accepted finally by the street car company and submitted to the Committee on Streets, and is now pending. It proposes a fifteen-minute schedule during the rush hours, and that the Westhampton cars, plainly marked as of a special line, be run on down Robinson and Broad Streets to Eighth, thence back by way of Ninth and Main Streets. On this special line a straight 5-cent fare is to be charged, good through to Westhampton, but without ticket or transfer privileges.

Members of the Country Club and citizens of the Westhampton neighborhood spoke strongly for the plan. Captain A. B. Guigon, for the car company, said it was not the company's proposal, but the company would accept it. But strong opposition developed from that section of the city lying between Robinson Street and the new corporation line, which under the plan proposed would be the only section of the city without transfer privileges, and where school and labor tickets would not be good. Members of the committee also expressed doubt as to the advisability of having special cars on Broad Street, which the usual regulations as to tickets and transfers did not apply. It would prove confusing to strangers in the city.

The whole matter then went to a subcommittee to consult the City Attorney on several legal points involved. Mr. Pollard has consulted the franchisees, and rendered a written opinion to Chairman Gilbert K. Pollock, in which he holds that under the franchise the city cannot compel the Westhampton line to give transfers. The franchise merely guarantees to citizens of Henrico county living along its line all the privileges as to transfers that the company may grant to the citizens of Richmond.

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Have individuality and merit. Spring styles are all in and we await the opportunity of showing them to you. We also carry a full stock of automobile caps and gloves.

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BIBLE SOCIETY HAS CENTENNIAL

Three Hundred Years Since Publication of King James Version of Scriptures.

All denominations joined yesterday in observing at Centenary Methodist Church the centennial of the King James Version of the English Bible, the service being under the auspices of the Bible Society of Virginia, an auxiliary of the American Bible Society. Similar services were held in other cities by the same organization.

At Centenary Church the address was delivered by Rev. Theron H. Rice, D. D., of Union Theological Seminary, and a report was presented by Rev. M. B. Porter, secretary of the Virginia Bible Society, showing the progress made in distributing copies of the Scriptures in the past 300 years since the completion of the authorized translation.

Emphasis was laid not only on the moral and religious influence of the English Bible, but on its effect on English literature of the King James or Authorized Version, the verbal translation being described as the work most frequently quoted by Shakespeare and Milton.

The Virginia Bible Society was reported as being now more than 100 years old, antedating by several years the formation of the American Bible Society. The larger organization is now distributing copies of the Scriptures all over the world, and in forty languages. The Virginia organization is the distributing agency for five States—Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida—having permanent offices in Richmond, and employing forty collectors. There was a large congregation present, including leading ministers of all denominations.

Girl Runs Away.

Cora Stout, thirteen years old, had the police of South Richmond and Chesterfield county searching for her yesterday, when she ran away from the Virginia Home and Industrial School for Girls at Bon Air. The girl was captured by one of the county officers yesterday afternoon and returned to the institution.

Here for Treatment. Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Astrop, of Surry county, arrived in Richmond last night, bringing with them Mrs. Gordon C. Berriman, who will undergo treatment at the Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Berriman was accompanied by her husband and aunt, Mrs. Bettie Berriman, Robert Astrop, son of Dr. and Mrs. Astrop, who is a student at Randolph-Macon College, is also a member of the party.

Two Councilmen in Hospital.

Councilman C. P. Davis, of Clay Ward, underwent a serious operation yesterday in the Retreat for the Sick, and his condition last night was reported to be grave.

Councilman Barney Bowman, of Albemarle Ward, was also operated on yesterday. He is confined in the Memorial Hospital, and his condition is not believed to be serious.

Wednesday Club Chorus.

A special car containing fifty Petersburg members of the Wednesday Club chorus will arrive here this afternoon for the big musical festival. Probably 100 people will come over in the party, and the chorus will be finally drilled for the big musical festival next week.

NEW HOME OPEN ONE YEAR SUNDAY

One year ago on Sunday next—the doors of the handsome building of the Young Men's Christian Association, Seventh and Grace Streets, were thrown open to the public for the first time.

At the last meeting of the directors tentative plans for greater things for the building were outlined, and, if carried into effect during the ensuing year, will add tremendously to the Y. M. C. A.'s popularity, which has increased fourfold since the opening of the new building.

Among other things in contemplation, it has been agreed to open the massage and Turkish baths for the use of members and those who may have their names placed upon the rolls. It is hoped to have the State Y. M. C. A. committee arrange to hold a boys' conference in Richmond next fall. The erection of installing automatic pin-setters on the bowling alleys, said to be the finest in the South, is under consideration, and will likely be favorably acted upon.

The Richmond association in the past year has become recognized as one of the leading branches of the organization in North America. It is considered unusually aggressive in all phases of its work.

The total number of members today is about 1,875, and indications are that this will be increased to 2,000 before the end of this month.

The biennial conference of the employed officers of the Young Men's Christian Associations of this continent, of which there are about 3,000, will take place in Columbus, O., June 1 to 6. Richmond will be represented at this meeting by General Secretary McKee, and while in the Middle West he will visit numerous cities for the purpose of inspecting the operation of the various branches in order to get new ideas, to improve the local conditions wherever possible.

BAD TIES FOUND BY JUDGE RHEA

Orders B. & O. to Improve Roadbed Between Winchester and State Line.

Judge William F. Rhea, of the Corporation Commission, who made a personal inspection of the Baltimore and Ohio Road between Winchester and the West Virginia line with several railroad and city officials, has made a report, in which he states that a great many of the ties should be replaced at the earliest practicable moment, and that the pressing need of such renewals along the entire line is evidenced by the inspection which has been made by the company's own men. In that a large number of the ties have been marked to come out.

He further reports that all the cuts are in need of ditching, a large number of spikes raised, and he also found many loose nuts on some of the Weber rail joints. Addressing his letter to General Superintendent P. E. Blasier, of the railroad company, Judge Rhea says the commission will expect the company to report each month the number of new ties installed until the renewal of the ties between the Strasburg Junction. Above the Strasburg Junction, they had a large number of new ties distributed hurriedly along the road, and trackwork which had laid off a number of years ago, were assigned to work again.

Judge Rhea's letter to General Superintendent Blasier follows:

In company with your Mr. Jordan and several gentlemen representing the city of Winchester, a personal inspection was made of a portion of the Winchester and Potomac Railroad between Winchester and the Virginia State line, a distance of 9.21 miles.

From this inspection, the commission is of opinion that a great many of the ties should be replaced at the earliest practicable moment, the worst condition in this respect being found in the timber just above the Strasburg and between Wadesville and the State line. The pressing need of such renewals along the entire line is evidenced by the inspection which has been made by your own men. In the case of a large number of ties have been marked to come out in the future under the administration of a practical track supervisor, who, it is understood, was put in charge of this branch on the 17th instant.

"I will thank you to furnish the commission, as soon as your inspection has been made, a statement of the mile posts, showing the number of ties which have been marked to be taken out during the present renewal season, and I will also thank you to furnish the commission each month a statement by mile posts showing the number of ties put in the track, until the full quota has been renewed. This information to be given for the entire line from the Virginia State line to Strasburg.

"The commission further expects that all of the necessary repair work, as above, on the Winchester and Strasburg Railroad, be commenced at once and pushed to as speedy completion as practicable."

On the fiftieth anniversary of its issuance, the following order, the first concerning prisoners during the War Between the States, will be of interest. It was found in the government archives by General Marcus J. Wright:

"Orders from Governor Letcher of Virginia, to carry Captain Rodgers, of the United States Navy, and Captain Wright, of the United States Army, to Washington, and there to see that these gentlemen are protected from insult or annoyance."

"The citizens of Virginia are earnestly requested to abstain from all demonstrations of passion and violence, and to be requested to observe the laws of the Commonwealth. They have been released by the action of the Executive by the recommendation of the council of State and the military committee of the Convention, now in session."

"Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the 24th day of April, 1861."

(Signed) "JOHN LETCHER"